

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings contains changes to Figure 9. This sheet replaces the original sheet including Figure 9. In Figure 9, the identifier for “Input Device(s)” has been changed from “9396” to “936.”

Attachments: 1 Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 19-24 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1, 7, 12, 13, 17, 20, and 22-24 have been amended as shown on pp. 3-6 of the Reply. In addition, the specification has been amended as indicated on p. 2 and the drawings have been amended as noted on p. 7.

Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview on February 23, 2007, between Le V. Nguyen and applicants' representative, Bradley D. Spitz. During the interview, proposed amendments to independent claims 1, 17, 20, 23, and 24 were discussed.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Objection to Drawings

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: 936 of paragraph [0063]. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested in light of the amendments to the drawings herein.

II. Objection to the Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: they include the following reference character(s) not mentioned in the description: 130 of figs. 1 and 7; and, 820 of Fig. 8. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested in light of the amendments to the specification herein.

III. Rejection of Claims 12 and 13 Under 35 U.S.C §112

Claims 12 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants' representative has amended the subject claims to correct the noted informalities. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

IV. Rejection of Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-17, 19-21, 23 and 24 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-17, 19-21, 23 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Screen Dumps of Microsoft Windows XP (“MS XP”). This rejection should be withdrawn for at least the following reasons. The cited reference does not disclose or suggest all features recited in the subject claims as amended.

For a prior art reference to anticipate, 35 U.S.C. §102 requires that “*each and every element* as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.” *In re Robertson*, 169 F.3d 743, 745, 49 USPQ2d 1949, 1950 (Fed. Cir. 1999) (quoting *Verdegaal Bros., Inc. v. Union Oil Co.*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987)) (emphasis added).

Amended independent claim 1 (and its corresponding dependent claims) recites: *A system that facilitates access to data comprising: a set component that identifies sets of data; and, a display component that displays at least one data set in a semi-collapsed view **and directly cycles through the semi-collapsed view and at least a second view of the at least one data set.*** The subject amendments are supported by the specification. For example, the specification discloses that a user can cycle between expanded, semi-collapsed, and collapsed views of a data set by repeatedly clicking a single button. (See p. 5, ll. 14-15; p. 6, ll. 22-23).

MS XP relates to the Classic Start menu in Microsoft® Windows® XP. (See fig. 2). The Classic Start menu includes an option for “personalized menus.” This option, when selected, allows seldom-used application shortcuts to be initially hidden when a user selects the Programs tab of the Start menu. (See fig. 3). The hidden application shortcuts can be displayed by clicking a button located at the bottom of the initial list of shortcuts. (See figs. 3-4). Under certain circumstances, the Start menu will revert back to hiding the seldom-used application shortcuts after it is closed by the user.

At page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner interprets the personalized Classic Start menu with hidden application shortcuts as a semi-collapsed view of a data set. Further, at page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner interprets the acts of revealing the hidden seldom-used application shortcuts and reverting back to hiding those shortcuts after the Start menu is closed by a user to be a cycle between a semi-collapsed view and an expanded view of a data set.

However, amended independent claim 1 recites *a display component that displays at least one data set in a semi-collapsed view and directly cycles through the semi-collapsed view and at least a second view of the at least one data set*. The prior art does not teach or suggest such features. MS XP illustrates an aspect of the Classic Start menu in Microsoft® Windows® XP by which seldom-used application shortcuts can be hidden and then revealed. However, the Start menu does not allow a user to cycle directly back to hiding the seldom-used shortcuts. Hiding the application shortcuts, once displayed, can only be accomplished indirectly by closing the Start menu and reopening it. The present invention allows a user to cycle between a semi-collapsed view of a data set and a second view of the data set directly, without requiring any extra or indirect steps by the user. MS XP is silent regarding such features.

Independent claims 17, 20, 23, and 24 have been amended in a similar manner to independent claim 1. Thus, MS XP does not disclose or suggest all features of said claims for the reasons stated above. In view of the foregoing, MS XP does not disclose or suggest all features recited in the subject claims. Accordingly, applicant's representative respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

V. Rejection of Claim 5 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Screen Dumps of Microsoft Windows XP ("MS XP") in view of Screen Dumps of Internet Explorer ("IE"). Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks directed to independent claim 1 above, from which this claim depends.

VI. Rejection of Claim 22 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 22 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Screen Dumps of Microsoft Windows XP ("MS XP") in view of Screen Dumps of East ("East"). Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks directed to independent claim 20 above, from which this claim depends.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP523US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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